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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please add the following new claims 27-69:

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27. A method for providing load balancing among a plurality of host servers in a computer network, the method comprising:

receiving a request from a client relating to any one of the plurality of host servers;

identifying one or more of the plurality of host servers based on performance metrics including at least a round trip time associated with the client; and

sending a response to the client including information associated with each of the one or more identified host servers.

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